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Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Issue(s) Due and a Notice of Allowability dated May 18, 2005, in the above-identified application. However, a formal matter needs to be addressed prior to payment of the Issue Fee.

As evidenced by the attached postcard receipt stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement along with four documents on November 26, 2003, in the instant application. To date, the Examiner has not yet indicated consideration of the documents listed on the PTO-1449 form. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner indicate consideration of the documents cited in that Information Disclosure Statement by initialing and returning the copy of the Form PTO-1449 provided herewith.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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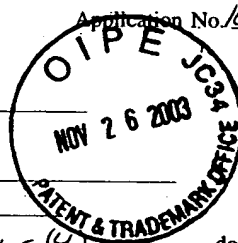
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. In accordance with the pre-OG Notice dated July 11, 2003, entitled "Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications filed after June 30, 2003," only copies of the listed foreign documents are enclosed.

A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English documents may be found in the specification at pages 2, 21 and 22. (Some of the U.S. patents are mentioned at page 22.) Also, Applicants have obtained English language abstracts for the non-English patent

documents and attached them to their respective copies. English language counterparts, if readily available, are also listed on the Form PTO-1449.

#### FORMAL MATTERS

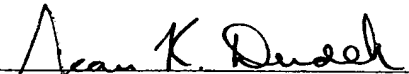
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), since a first Official Action on the merits of the subject application has not yet been issued, neither a certificate, petition nor payment of a fee is believed to be required for this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

#### CONCLUSION

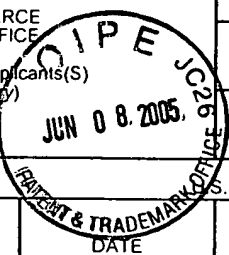
It is respectfully requested that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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